

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 01-06-18**

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Business Meeting: June 18, 2001, 10:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, emailed to all persons who have properly requested notice by email, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at <http://www.psc.state.mt.us>.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dave).

1. Single Moms, Inc., et al. v. MPC, et al. – Discussion, direction, action as necessary on lawsuit (6/18/01)
2. D2001.3.30 – Implementation of HB 645 /Electrical Energy Pool – Discuss/act on implementation matters (6/18/01)
3. D2001.2.18, D2001.3.27, D2001.3.31, D2001.3.32, D2001.3.35, D2001.4.41 – Qwest and Emergent, Northern Tel, Essen, Telephone Company of Florida, Digital Telecom, and 3 Rivers/Verizon – Applications for Approval of Interconnection Agreements – To act on interconnection applications (6/18/01)
4. D2000.5.70 – Qwest – Performance assurance plan (not filed – yet) – Discuss staff recommendation for addressing Qwest's post-271 performance assurance plan (6/18/01)

5. D2000.1.4 – Qwest – Directory Assistance Detariffing – requirement for customer notification plan – Discuss and act on Qwest's proposed customer notification plan (6/18/01)
6. Retail rate rebalancing for Qwest – To discuss whether retail rate rebalancing is necessary for Qwest in advance of its 271 petition with the FCC. The discussion will include background and mitigation options/strategies the Commission may choose (6/18/01)

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Qwest Communications Docket N2001.5.69 (Scott)

On May 31, 2001 Qwest filed tariff Transmittal 01-16 to introduce a limited time promotion. Residence customers and Business customers who purchase Custom Choice or Two-Line Custom Choice during the promotional period will be mailed a coupon to verify their name and address. Once the resident customer returns the coupon, a \$20.00 rebate check will be mailed to the customer and a \$50.00 Visa Debit card will be mailed to the business customer. The customer must keep Custom Choice in service for 60 days before the check is mailed. This promotion is schedule to run for residence customers from July 2, 2001 through August 11, 2001 and the business offering is from July 2, 2001 through August 24, 2001.

2. Qwest Communications Docket N2001.5.66 (Scott)

On May 29, 2001 Qwest filed tariff Transmittal 01-ACO4. In this filing Qwest is requesting to revise the switch access tariff Jurisdictional Reporting Requirements. The changes will be effective in the FCC Interstate tariffs on July1, 2001 and is requested that the same effective date be on state tariffs. The filing removes the requirement currently placed on the carrier customer to report Percent Interstate usage (PIU) on a quarterly basis. In addition, the filing changes the basis for jurisdictional rating of FGD terminating minutes of use. This filing bases the rating on the actual jurisdiction determined by call record detail when available; when call detail is not available, the carrier reported PIU is used.

3. QWEST COMMUNICATIONS, N2001.5.64 (Dave)

On May 29, 2001, Qwest Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 01-15, "Digital Switched Services (DSS) Revisions." The filing provides the following:

1. Provide an optional contact payment arrangement, rate stability plan, to customers who subscribe to Basic Digital Switched Services.
2. Modify terms and conditions removing restrictions on PBX trunks, Private line, Basic Exchange access lines, and Joint User from being allowed to ride on channels of DSS-DS1 facilities.
3. Introduce a 7-year Rate Stability Plan option for Advanced Service arrangements at existing 5-year RSP prices for trunks and at existing 7-year prices for the DS1 facility.
4. Extend ICB terms for 241 trunks to include DSS trunks.

4. QWEST COMMUNICATIONS, N2001.6.68 (Dave)

On May 31, 2001, Qwest Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 01-17, "Introduce Complete-a-Call." This optional feature, "Complete-a-Call", will be available when customers call directory assistance. "Complete-a-Call" allows the customer to request the completion of the call to the requested number by the directory assistance operator or by the audio response system. The rate for the call completion transaction is \$.35. This feature is currently an offering by many other directory assistance vendors.

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.state.mt.us/PublicComment/PublicComment.htm>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 01-06-25

New Filings Received in Past Week

- D2001.6.70 – Energy West Montana – Application for gas cost tracker
- D2001.6.71 – Montana-Dakota Utilities – Application for gas cost tracker
- D2001.6.72 – Qwest Corporation – Qwest/Montana Telephone Application for an Adoption Wireline Interconnection Agreement